

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 4, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 54, 65, 73, 76, 82, and 83 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

As is indicated above, claims 65, 73, 76, 82, and 83 have been canceled through this Response, thereby only leaving claim 54 as being rejected. Applicant has amended claim 54 to describe the “program product” as being stored on a “computer-readable media”. In view of that amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 54 recites statutory subject matter as per 35 U.S.C. § 101, and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-101 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gecht, et al. (“Gecht,” U.S. Pat. No. 6,859,832). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

It is axiomatic that “[a]nticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration.” *W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc. v. Garlock, Inc.*, 721 F.2d 1540, 1554, 220 USPQ 303, 313 (Fed. Cir. 1983). Therefore, every claimed feature of the claimed invention must be represented in the applied reference to constitute a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). In the present case, not every

feature of the claimed invention is represented in the Gecht reference. Applicant discusses the Gecht reference and Applicant's claims in the following.

Gecht discloses methods and systems for the provision of remote printing services over a network. Gecht, Patent Title. More particularly, Gecht discloses a system comprising a spooling server 50 that stores print jobs, a printer 120, and a printer polling device 100 that is capable of polling the spooling server via a network to identify a print job associated with the printer polling device. Gecht, column 7, lines 25-36. The printer polling device is described as comprising a standalone device connected to the printer via a "standard printer port". Gecht, column 8, lines 35-37. The standalone printer polling device is described as comprising a display screen 101 and a keypad 102. Gecht, column 9, lines 60-64; Figure 3. The user may use the keypad to enter a PIN that is used *by the printer polling device* to access and retrieve print jobs stored on the spooling server. Gecht, column 10, lines 10-22. In addition to the display and the keypad, the printer polling device may comprise card reader for reading a data cards. Gecht, column 9, line 65 to column 10, line 4.

Applicant has made several amendments to Applicant's claims through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot as having been drawn against the claims in a previous form. Applicant briefly discusses the claims in the following, however, for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant's claim 1, as amended, provides as follows (emphasis added):

1. A method for mobile printing, comprising:
creating print data on a client computer;
transferring the print data from the client computer to an On-the-Go Print Queue on the Internet for storage;
recording a reference to the On-the-Go Print Queue on a portable computing device connected to the client computer;
connecting the portable computing device to a printer having Internet access capability and programmed to read references from portable computing devices;
reading with the printer the reference to the On-the-Go Print Queue from the portable computing device;
accessing the On-the-Go Print Queue with the printer;
receiving with the printer the print data stored on the On-the-Go Print Queue; and
printing the print data on the printer.

Regarding claim 1, Gecht at least does not teach “recording a reference to the On-the-Go Print Queue on a portable computing device” connected to a client computer on which a print job was created, and then “reading with the printer the reference to the On-the-Go Print Queue from the portable computing device”. Instead, Gecht discloses a user entering a PIN into the printer polling device, the PIN then being transferred to the spooling server *from the printer polling device*. Gecht, column 10, lines 10-22. In other words, Gecht’s printer does not read a reference from a portable computing device and then use that reference to, itself, retrieve a print job. Because of this, Gecht also does not teach accessing the On-the-Go Print Queue “with the printer”.

The claims that depend from claim 1 contain further limitations that are not taught by Gecht. For example, regarding dependent claim 9, Gecht does not teach that the

“portable computing device” that stores a reference to a print queue is a “smart card” and that “connecting the portable computing device to the printer” comprises “inserting the smart card into the printer”.

Regarding dependent claims 16, 17, and 19-21, Gecht does not teach displaying information about print jobs stored on a print queue on a “front panel display of the printer”.

Applicant notes that several of the points described above also apply to claims 54-62, 67, 68, 71, and 72, which remain in the application.

Finally, regarding claims 93-98, Gecht at least does not disclose a printer comprising a structure for “reading a smart card” or for “obtaining from the smart card a reference to an On-the-Go print queue on the Internet”. Gecht is silent as to those features.

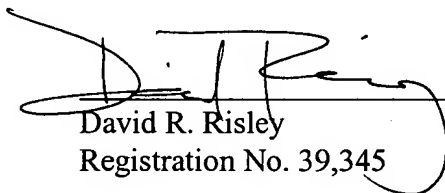
III. Canceled Claims

Several claims have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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